

State Insane Hospital.

Splendidly Arranged Set of Buildings Indicated.

Legislature To Be Asked For the Needed Appropriation.

The Commissioners' Work Results Most Successfully.

Work To Be Begun After the Appropriation Is Secured.

Dr. D. A. Robleson, of the Eastern State State Insane Hospital Commission, is traveling received photographs of the plans made by the architect, Mr. W. M. Noble, of Lewistown, and The G. M. through his kindness, is enabled to give a first description of the buildings which are to compose the proposed asylum. For some time the architect has been engaged in making his drawings, as the ideas of the members of the commission and the architect were formulated, and the plans were but recently been completed and photographed. Two sets of photographs have been taken, one representing the asylum when completed, and the other showing the ground floors with the various

The first presents the view of a string of large buildings connected with each other at the corners, with the dormitories arranged in a partially semi-circular form, the executive and other buildings in a line, running backward in the midst of the half-circle. The grounds about the buildings are laid out with lawns, walks and driveways, and shade trees are scattered about in the most favorable spots. Broad fields surround the grounds, and in the background of the buildings is a grove. The effect upon the observer produced by the appearance at the photograph is that the system as shown by the plans will be not only the most substantial and finely arranged of modern buildings, but there is also a

The buildings are uniform in appearance at their positions relative to them from any appearance of monotony. They look as though they were well adapted to the needs of such an institution and show the result of study and calculation. They have been given to them by the members of the society, the architect. The building was intended to start; that the Eastern Maine Locomotive Hospital should combine the conveniences, comforts and appearance which could be obtained from the inspection of others. The design of a like character. It would be a building that has been obtained in this endeavor. Careful attention has been given to every detail and the plans indicate a splendidly devised system.

rooms half story in height, and the large windows, shown in the photograph, indicate that the rooms will be well lighted and ventilated. The executive building, which stands in front and in the center of the line of wings, is the one which naturally first attracts the attention and it is the main entrance to the asylum as well.

A broad portico with three arches, extending in two stories, leads to the vestibule, which in turn extends to the large entrance hall. On the right of the vestibule are the reception room, the trustees' room and on the left the assistant superintendent's office and beyond a private office. The superintendent's office is on the western side of the large room, with two windows

Next, beyond it is the officers' dining room, and the pantry is not far away. Another private office and the steward's department are located in the northwestern corner.

Another corridor leads to two recreation rooms, and then at right angles, the recreation corridor extends into the wings. Continuing straight backward, leaving the wings for future reference, one comes to the main passageway on the right and the servants' dining rooms on the left. A pantry and wash room occupy the end of the front center building. The ends of the center are devoted to two pantries, and the kitchen, bakery, grocery department and refrigerators occupy the rest of the space. The boiler house is of good size and is situated to the north of the post office.

On one side is the storehouse, which also contains rooms for patients who will be able to work out of doors on the terrace. On the other side is the laundry, which contains a sorting, wash, drying and ironing rooms.

The wings on each side of the executive department are similar in size and arrangement. Upon the first floor are the dining, supervisors' baggage and attendants' rooms and parlors, and above are the apartments for the patients. Each wing is connected with the other only at the corner, so that every room is well lighted, and presents an unobstructed view from the windows. Each building will be fire proof, and the internal arrangements will be such as will conduce to the greatest

possible convenience and comfort of patients, officers and attendants, giving the best aids to the medical treatment. Each story will be reached by an elevator. The food will be sent from the kitchen by underground passages, and taken upwards by the elevators. The buildings will all be heated by steam.

It is probable that brick with stone trimmings will be used in the construction of the asylum, although it has not been definitely decided upon.

The photographs above referred to will be taken before the Legislature when the time comes for the request for a suitable appropriation to build the hospital. It is intended to construct at first only the executive building, two wings, boiler and

Judging from the overcrowded condition of the State Insane Asylum at Augusta, the two patients will be suited to the number of patients which will occupy them.

The hospital will be situated on the land near the Water Works, formerly owned by the Egey heirs and George W. Spratt, Esq., and the position is one which commands a magnificent view up and down the river and over a wide stretch of land. From each of the front windows this view can be obtained, and the attractive scenery will without doubt have a soothing effect upon disordered minds. The buildings will be situated upon an elevation and will show off to the best advantage, while the

As there is quite an extent of ledge upon the grounds, it is thought that all of the necessary stone for the foundation can be obtained on the spot, which will be a convenience and a saving. After the appropriation is obtained from the Legislature, then active preparations will be made for the commencement of building, and it is thought that work will be begun as soon as the ground is in condition. The need for a new asylum has been conclusively shown and the desired appropriation will doubtless be secured without difficulty.

The commissioners, Col. J. W. Porter, Col. Jasper Hutchings and Dr. D. A. Rott, have been assigned during quite a period of time to the duty of securing the necessary

information concerning humane hospitals and have visited many of the best institutions in the country in their search for useful facts. As a result of their travels, lectures and careful calculations, together with the skill and judgment of the writers, the following information is presented:

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